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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION BY US FIRM WITH RESPECT TO
SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT (SAG) DEFENSE RELATED CONTRACTS

REF: 10 FAM 916

1. W.L. BROWN, MARKETING MANAGER FISHBACH AND MOORE SYSTEMS, SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD, PO BOX 9800, TELEX 43-6508 SA, TEL (011) 725-5348 WHOSE PARENT IN US IS FISHBACH AND MOORE, 405 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NY CITY 11216, TEL 688-8900. (JOHANNESBURG OFFICE WORKS OUT OF DALLAS SYSTEM GROUP) CALLED ON CONGEN TODAY TO SEEK CLARIFICATION ON FOLLOWING QUESTION.

2. ACCORDING TO BROWN, FIRM HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY SAG DEFENSE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION/CONTRACTING ASSISTANCE ON PERMITER DEFENSE SYSTEM. ACCORDING TO BROWN, THE SYSTEM WOULD BE ELECTRONIC CONTROL MISSILE SYSTEM. SYSTEM WOULD BE FRENCH-BUILT (NO US HARDWARE) AND US FIRM WOULD WORK WITH SODETG (THOMPSON-BRANDT-CSF) ON SUCH SYSTEM INCLUDING EUROS DOLLAR FINANCING WHICH IT WOULD - IF APPROVED - ARRANGE THROUGH EUROPEAN OFFICEX.

3. BROWN SAYS PROPOSAL TO FIRM IS TO ACT AS SYSTEMS MANAGERS, ARRANGE FINANCING AND CONSULT ON INSTALLATIONS WHICH, ACCORDING TO BROWN, WOULD BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF US DOLLARS 250 MILLION.

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4. BROWN'S QUESTION IS, IN VIEW OF US ARMS EMBARGO, CAN FISHBACH AND

MOORE RESPOND/PARTICIPATE?

5. FYI - FISHBACH AND MOORE, AMONG OTHER PROGRAMS HERE INCLUDE/D:

A) NOW INVOLVED WITH ISCOR ON SALDANHA LINE ELECTRONICS PROGRAMS

B) WAS CHIEF INSTALLER/SUPPLIER OF CARLTON CENRE ELECTRONICS
SYSTEMS

C) IS MAIN ELECTRONIC CONSULTING FIRM TO SABC

D) NOW HAS CONTRACTS WITH SAG DEPT OF WATER AFFARIS FOR, AMONG
OTHER PROGRAMS, LESOTHO WATER PROJECTS (ELECTRONIC TEST
PROJECTS)

E) MAIN TESTING PROGRAM FOR SOUTH AFRICAN RAILROAD AND HARBORS
(SARH) INCLUDING: TRACK TEST SYSTEMS; RAILROAD AND ROADFD
IMPACT SYSTEMS

6. BROWN INFORMS FIRMS HAS/WILL TAKE NO ACTION PENDING STATE
DEPARTMENT LARIFICATION WHICH REQUEST URGENTLY.
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